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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 9, 2015

DATE: May 18, 2015
TO: Board of County Commissioners
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SUBJECT: Award Bid No. 2938-15 to the lowest responsive responsible bidder [staff recommends Cashman Equipment Company in the amount of \$142,000] for the purchase of one (1) new Weiler P385A Paver for the Community Services Department Operations Division. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The Community Services Department, through the Washoe County Purchasing and Contracts Manager, requests award of Bid No. 2938-15 for a new piece of heavy equipment to the lowest responsive responsible bidder, Cashman Equipment Company [\$142,000] for the purchase of one (1) new Weiler P385A Paver. The Paver will be a new addition to the Roads Division equipment fleet. Currently, the Division has one paver that is 10 years old and heavily used. The addition of a second paver will increase efficiency, output, as well as avoid lost production time when the older unit requires service. The Paver will be used to maintain Washoe County roadways in a safe and passable condition.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

The Operations Division of the Community Services Department is responsible for maintaining 1,100 miles of roadway, of which over 700 miles are paved. The unincorporated area extends from the Oregon border to the California border at Lake Tahoe.

In 2012, Washoe County Roads sold a secondary paver to Douglas County. The sale of the paver was the result of very difficult budget decisions to downsize fleet due to budget cuts and staff reductions. Since that time, operating with the single paver, staff has struggled to complete the necessary paving work within the construction season afforded by the weather conditions. Increasing frequency and costs of repairs on the current paver has contributed to the inefficiency – with total repairs exceeding \$50,000.00 on the current paver since 2010. In 2014, Washoe County Roads borrowed a paver from the City of Sparks for several weeks. Repairs during this time were the responsibility of Washoe County and a repair to this paver resulted in an additional expense of \$1,800.00.

Pavers are notoriously difficult to maintain and are typically not available for rent on an as-needed basis. However, paving and asphalt maintenance has continued at or near the top of all activities performed by the Roads Division. Supplementing full time work crews with seasonal staff and replacing the current aging machine with a new Paver is critical to maintaining service levels the public has come to expect. The addition of a second paver will allow staff to complete a similar or greater amount of asphalt maintenance in a shorter period of time; leaving additional staff-hours for other critical maintenance activities such as drainage maintenance.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding exists in the Roads Special Revenue Fund FY 14-15 Maintenance budget (Fund 216 - C216002-781004) to purchase the new unit at a cost of \$142,000. Upon receipt, Equipment Services will prepare the new unit for active service and assign it to Washoe County Roads, which will begin paying a monthly replacement charge of approximately \$1,183.00 per month for a period of 10 years, as well as all charges for maintenance and fuel. All replacement, O&M and fuel expenses will be absorbed into the Roads Special Revenue Fund FY 16-17 budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners award Bid No. 2938-15 to the lowest responsive responsible bidder [staff recommends Cashman Equipment Company in the amount of \$142,000] for the purchase of one (1) new Weiler P385A Paver for the Community Services Department Operations Division.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to award Bid No. 2938-15 to the lowest responsive responsible bidder [staff recommends Cashman Equipment Company in the amount of \$142,000] for the purchase of one (1) new Weiler P385A Paver for the Community Services Department Operations Division."